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Emmanuel Lutheran Church



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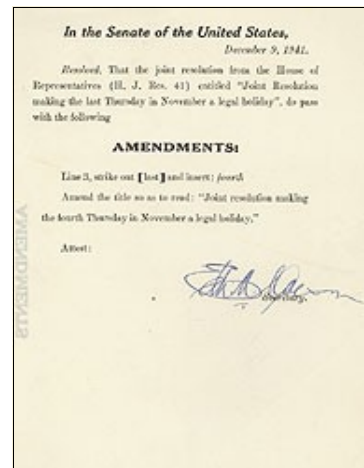
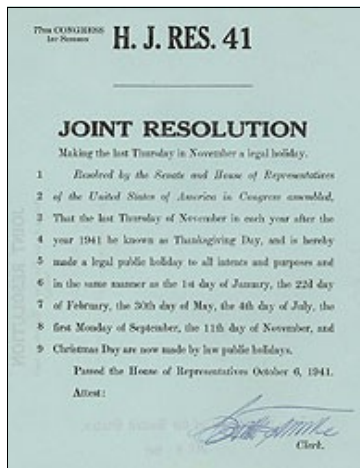
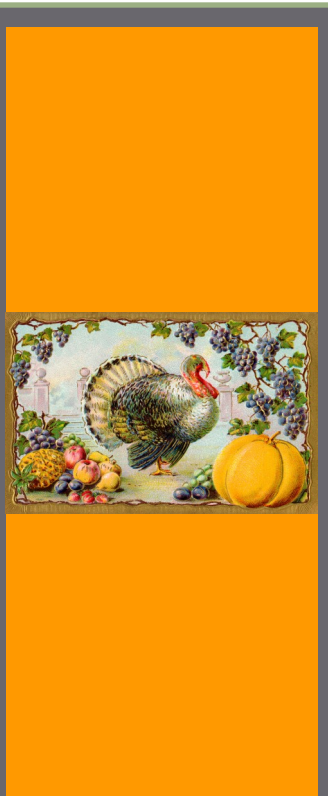
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Congress Establishes Thanksgiving

On September 28, 1789, just before leaving for recess, the first Federal Congress passed a resolution asking that the President of the United States recommend to the nation a day of thanksgiving. A few days later, President George Washington issued a proclamation naming Thursday, November 26, 1789 as a "Day of Publick Thanksgivin" - the first time Thanksgiving was celebrated under the new Constitution. Subsequent presidents issued Thanksgiving Proclamations, but the dates and even months of the celebrations varied. It wasn't until President Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Proclamation that Thanksgiving was regularly commemorated each year on the last Thursday of November.

In 1939, however, the last Thursday in November fell on the last day of the month. Concerned that the shortened Christmas shopping season might dampen the economic recovery, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a Presidential Proclamation moving Thanksgiving to the second to last Thursday of November. As a result of the proclamation, 32 states issued similar proclamations while 16 states refused to accept the change and proclaimed Thanksgiving to be the last Thursday in November. For two years two days were celebrated as Thanksgiving - the President and part of the nation celebrated it on the second to last Thursday in November, while the rest of the country celebrated it the following week.

To end the confusion, Congress decided to set a fixed-date for the holiday. On October 6, 1941, the House passed a joint resolution declaring the last Thursday in November to be the legal Thanksgiving Day. The Senate, however, amended the resolution establishing the holiday as the fourth Thursday, which would take into account those years when November has five Thursdays. The House agreed to the amendment, and President Roosevelt signed the resolution on December 26, 1941, thus establishing the fourth Thursday in November as the Federal Thanksgiving Day holiday.



From the Pen of the Pastor



Well, summer is over and fall is here. There is something about fall that appeals to me. It's the air. It smells differently. I think it is the leaves being burned. Whenever I smell them, I think of autumn and autumn reminds me of Thanksgiving.

Now everybody knows that thanksgiving is good. We are to enter into God's gates with thanksgiving. In Philippians, Paul tells us to *"present our requests to God with thanksgiving"*. We are told in 2nd Corinthians that *"grace causes thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God."* Thanksgiving gives glory to God.

Yes, most certainly, thanksgiving is good. But I wonder how we can truly celebrate Thanksgiving. Certainly we speak thanks. But, how can thanksgiving be the action word God wants it to be? How can our thanksgiving glorify God? I have an answer.

We can show thanks by giving.

This is the time of year when we consider our yearly pledges of time, talent and treasure, our offering to support Christ's church. Our giving provides what is necessary to continue the work God requires from us; to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and house the homeless through our benevolence. To keep open a building that teaches and preaches the word of God. To provide for the training of youth so that they may learn to live lives that is pleasing to God. To properly administer the sacraments. To go forth in mission to serve the poor. To worship and glorify Christ as we were created to. And for this giving, we celebrate how good God has been to us. We glorify God. And God is certainly worthy.

I mean, look at what God has given us. After all the ways we have ignored God's love and care; after all the ways we have forgotten God's goodness to us; after all the ways we mistreat each other, God continues to bless us and love us and give to us despite the fact that we do not bless

and love and give to each other. And when we could not save ourselves, God gave His son. It is all about giving.

My brothers and sisters, as we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, let us remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving. If you have not made your pledge to the church, do so and give of yourself generously. For it is with giving that we offer thanks. The word of God tells us that *"you will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through this your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."*

With grateful hearts, give thanks.



News to Share

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee will meet this Tuesday, November 8, at 7pm.

Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet this Thursday, November 10, at 7pm.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, November 15, at 7pm.

Snack and Pack Program

Emmanuel is supporting a Snack and Pack Program benefitting the Carter G. Woodson Elementary School. Please bring non-perishable snacks and label them for Woodson Elementary.

Stephen Ministry

Christ Our Shepherd will be offering training for the Stephen Ministry beginning in mid-January 2012. All those who are interested should contact Louise Hamilton at 404-680-4687.

Christmas Program

Emmanuel Lutheran's Christmas Program will be held on Saturday, December 10th.

Please contact Alice Hamilton (404-349-2340) to assist her in making this program a success.



November Coffee Hour

The November Birthday Club will host coffee hour on November 27th. Contact Deborah Childress (404-627-8773), coordinator.



Poinsettias for Christmas

Order your poinsettias for Christmas to donate in Honor or Memory of a love one. The cost for 6-1/2 inch pots (\$10.00), 8 inch pots (\$16.00). The sign-up book is in the Narthex. Deadline is November 27th. Contact Edith Mauldin-Higdon (770-306-6006).

Bible Study

Come out every Thursday at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. The topic is "Women in the Bible Study: Given Voice." Everyone is invited.

Caregivers' Support Group Meeting

The Caregivers' Support Group will meet Sunday, December 11 at 10am in the fellowship house.

Transition Team Update

The Transition Team is continuing to meet monthly with Transition Pastor Beverly Shaw. Keeping in mind that Pastor Shaw's position is part-time, the Transition team feels that she is doing an exceptional job for the congregation of Emmanuel.

We ask each member for your prayers and support as the Transition process continues.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- 1st Wednesday at 6pm—Women of Emmanuel
- 2nd Tuesday at 7pm—Executive Committee Meeting
- 2nd Thursday at 7pm—Finance Committee Meeting
- 3rd Tuesday at 7pm—Church Council Meeting

November Worship Leaders

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Acolytes
November 6	Christine Davis	Brock Brockington, Gail Robinson	Justin Robinson, Steven Patten
November 13	Carole Johnson	Edna Nicks, Alvoyd Nicks	Udy Obot, Rufaro Moyo
November 20	James McCoy	Glen Johnson, Brock Brockington	Baili Wise, Kara Wise
November 27	Nancy Hall-White	Cliff Baldowski, Willis Culpepper	Brittany Southall, Narchadille Southall

November 2011 Worship Schedule

November 6
 9:00a—Sunday School at 9:00a
 10:00a—Combined worship service

November 13 and 20
 8:45a—Praise Service
 9:45a—Sunday School
 11:00a—Traditional worship service

November 27
 Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend
 9:00a—Sunday School
 10:00a—Combined worship service

Happy Birthday November Celebrants

- 2 - Christen McKay
- 2 - Kathy Hall
- 4 - Paula R. Gibson
- 5 - Constancia Moyo
- 7 - Sondra Morgan
- 7 - Ronald Thompson
- 9 - Jane Moyo
- 13 - John Hall, Jr.
- 18 - Godfrey Moyo
- 18 - Godwin Moyo
- 19 - John E. Hall, Sr.
- 19 - Sara Plummer
- 21 - Evelyn H. Sprauve
- 23 - Mary Gordon
- 29 - Chanel Rucker





Emmanuel Lutheran Church Calendar of Events and Activities November 2011

Praise Choir Rehearsals—Wednesdays at 6:30p
Emmanuel Choir Rehearsals— Wednesdays at 7:30p



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6p WOE Monthly Meeting	3 7p Bible Study	4	5
6 9a Sunday School 10a Combined worship	7	8 7p Executive Comm. Meeting	9	10 7p Bible Study 7p Finance Comm.	11	12
13 8:45a—Praise Service 9:45a Sunday School 11a—Traditional worship service	14	15 7p Church Council Meeting	16	17 7p Bible Study	18	19
20 8:45a—Praise Service 9:45a Sunday School 11a—Traditional worship service	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Holiday 	25 Thanksgiving Holiday 	26
27 <i>Holiday Weekend -</i> 9a Sunday School 10a Combined worship	28	29	30			

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Directions: Emmanuel is located approximately one mile inside I-285 near the I-285/Cascade Road exit on the corner of Cascade Road and Adams Drive.